Principal's Report

Mrs Megan Avery

Safe Break

Wow this term has been a very busy and productive one, that seems to have gone very fast! Many initiatives have taken place that have seen both students and staff extremely engaged in learning.

Thank you to the wonderful Paxton community for being so involved in your children’s education and helping us in so many ways. Your continued support is very appreciated and really does make a difference to your children’s learning.

We hope you have a very enjoyable and safe holiday! Remember to make reading a definite for your children during this time.

Public Education

Paint the Town REaD yesterday was a wonderful testament to the strength of public education in the Cessnock region. Our 16 schools work together in all areas to continually improve on our already pleasing academic results.

A very big thank you to all the community members who helped us out. The signs, ribbons, banners and balloons added a wonderful touch to our big day!
ANZAC DAY

Our school and community will once again join together on 25th April to show our respects to all who were involved in the war. Our community is lucky enough to have 2 events to attend on this day.

Dawn Service

There will be a dawn service beginning at 5:30am at our school. This will be followed by a march down the road, where a free breakfast will be hosted for all who attend! Please join us!

ANZAC March

Our school will also be involved in a special march in Cessnock where we will join the other 15 public schools in our area. Children will need to be in full uniform for this special event.

When: 25th April
Where: Meet at Cessnock Performing Arts Centre
Time: 10:45am
Wear: Full school uniform.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or ‘domains’) of:
- Reading
- Writing
- Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- Numeracy.

The tests will be conducted for all Year 3 and 5 students from 14th-16th May 2013.

All students in Year 3 and Year 5 were sent a personalised note home today outlining this important assessment period.

If you would like to find out more information about this national testing, please feel free to come and see me or you could navigate the web and find information at:

Mrs A’s Literacy Class

Year 4 and 5 students who are in Mrs A’s literacy class have been having a wonderful term learning about ‘Water’. Their lessons have been packed full of reading, writing, researching and cooperative learning activities. They celebrated their love of
learning today by being involved in a “Water” party, featuring blue and green items.

Calendar – Upcoming Events
Term 2

29 & 30 April  Staff Development Days
1 May       Children return to school
14, 15 & 16 May  NAPLAN
20 May       Paxton Olympics
24 May       Jump Rope for Heart
28 May       Small School Athletics
              Carnival
7 June       Grandparents’ Day
10 June      Queen’s Birthday Holiday
25 June      NAIDOC Day

NSW School Terms 2013

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Donations of Kids Bandaids

As you can see, we have had a huge response to the Bandaid donation drive which is in support of the Oncology Ward at the Royal Children’s Hospital and the many children who undergo treatment. A simple thing like a fancy bandaid helps to distract from the pain of numerous blood tests and cannual removals.

All bandaids have posted off. Thank you to Carol Avery for organising this fundraiser and to everyone that sent in bandaids. The children will love them!
April school holidays
Have you got April school holidays organised yet? It’s not too late to book for a Sport and Recreation Kids’ Camp. Watch the video to see how much fun these kids are having.

Find out more:

Spellcheck
Is your child learning to spell? Struggling with the weekly spelling lists? Here are a few strategies that will help:

Find out more:

Homework planner
Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan - so print out our 2013 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.

Find out more:

Earn & Learn
Paxton School is once again participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Monday 8th April to Sunday 9th June, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Points onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and when it’s complete, the Points Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at the Cessnock store.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you’d like to know more visit:
woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn
P & C News

Canteen Roster

12th April       Stephen & Tracey

Amanda would like to thank all the volunteers who helped in the canteen in term 1. Without your support, the children would not be able to have a canteen day at all.

A new roster has been placed in the front office for term 2 and volunteers are urgently needed. If you are able to help out, please add your name to the roster. The more people that is able to help out, the better.

Next P & C Meeting

The next meeting of the P & C has been scheduled for Wednesday, 1st May at 9.15am in the school library. Everyone is most welcome to attend. “Together we can make a difference.”

Meal Deal Friday

Tomorrow the school canteen is having a meal deal lunch. Order forms were sent home on Tuesday with your child. If you would like another order form please pick one up from the school office. (Order forms and money is due back Friday morning.)

Meals include a choice of Spaghetti bolognaise or Macaroni & cheese (each with a slice of garlic bread), a muffin and a drink all for $5.00 per meal.

Mother’s Day Stall

This year’s Mother’s day stall will be held on Friday, 10th May 2013 during school time. Students will have the opportunity to purchase a gift from the stall for their mother, grandparent, carer, etc. Cost of gifts will be between $1.00 and $5.00.

We are seeking donations from families to go towards our yearly Mother’s day stall. If you have any unused, unwanted Christmas/birthday presents hiding in the back of your cupboards you would like to re-gift or if you see something you’d like to purchase for the stall, all donations would be gratefully received. They can be left at the front office with Leah.

Thank you Picnic

A “Thank you” picnic lunch will also be held on Friday, 10th May 2013 between 1.15pm - 2pm. Bring your own picnic lunch and enjoy time with your children.

The canteen will be open selling hot/cold drinks and cakes/slices.

Mother’s Day Raffle

The Mother’s day raffle will be drawn at the end of lunch on Friday, 10th May. Raffle tickets will be sent home with your child in the first week back of Term two.

Each ticket in the raffle is $1.00.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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The service operates every Monday and Friday during school terms.

Our hours are 9:15am to 3:00pm

Enrolment for 2013 has been waived, so come along and invest in your child’s education today!
Dear Parents,

Families of Koori students are invited along to develop new skills that will help fill the family with healthy meals that are quick, easy to prepare and not hard on the purse.

Deadly Cooking in the Coalfields will run from 11am, Wednesday, 8th May 2012 at the Cessnock PVC. This program will run weekly for six sessions, free of charge.

If you think you can’t cook, don’t let that stop you! The class will go through new cooking skills together and learn a different recipe each week. You’ll pick up lots of ideas to help get value when you shop for the family or for when extra people drop in for a meal.

Sessions on budgeting and healthy meal planning is included as part of the program and a dietician will be available to assist with any diet and nutrition questions.

This is a fun, exciting and informal way to learn about low cost, healthy cooking.

The Deadly Cooking in the Coalfields program is being organised by Cessnock Community Health as part of the Integrated Chronic Care for Aboriginal people program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, 15 years and over, in the Cessnock/ Kurri Kurri Community.

Please register your interest by 22nd April, 2013.

To register or for more information please contact:

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UPPER HUNTER AREA - AUTUMN 2013
Towarr National Park & Burning Mountain Nature Reserve

‘WilderQuest Warriors’
Join a Discovery Ranger for some fun at Towarr National Park. Discover the creatures of our waterways and learn how they survive in this environment. Take home a WilderQuest bag with your very own artwork drawn onto it by you. Lots of exciting hands-on activities for the kids. A great activity for grandparents to do with their grandchildren.

When: Thursday 18th April 2013
Time: 10am-12pm
Meet: Washpool - Towarr National Park
Cost: $15 per person, adults free, discounts for more children with same adult

‘Brekky with the Birds’
Get up early and bring the whole family along to meet the birds and our Discovery Ranger at the Washpools. Join us for a fun-filled morning out in the bush to be followed by a sausage sizzle.
Please bring along your binoculars, hat, sunscreen, water and wear fully enclosed footwear.

When: Wednesday 24th April 2013
Time: 6.30am-10.30am
Meet: Washpool - Towarr National Park
Cost: $12 per person

‘Walks for Women’
A female guided walk specifically for women to enjoy some physical activity in a national park. Come along on your own or bring a friend for a walk up Burning Mountain. Graded easy to medium you will walk through a unique landscape as you ascend to the top where you will be amazed by the story of the mountain. Don’t forget to bring drinking water, sunscreen and wear fully enclosed footwear.

When: Saturday 26th April 2013
Time: 9am-12pm
Meet: Council Carpark adjacent to Burning Mtn, 20kms nth of Score
Cost: $10 per person

Bookings essential, please call:
NFWS Score Office: 65402300

Office of Environment and Heritage